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SBA's West Virginia District Office Announces Small Business Week Award Winners

CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA — The U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) West Virginia District Office is excited to announce their 2015 Small Business Week Award Winners. The winners receive recognition during a noon luncheon at the 25th annual Teaming to Win conference, Wednesday, May 27 at Canaan Resort and Conference Center in Davis. Secretary of State Natalie Tennant will emcee the event. Details regarding the luncheon and conference are forthcoming and can be found at teamingtowin.org.

2015 award winners include:

- **West Virginia Small Business Person of the Year**
Jeannette L. King – Strategic Resolution Experts, Inc.
Martinsburg, WV
Nominated by: Jamye Eells, Strategic Resolution Experts, Inc.
- **West Virginia Family-Owned Small Business of the Year**
Rocco Muriale – Muriale's Restaurant
Fairmont, WV
Nominated by: Tina Shaw, Marion County Chamber of Commerce
- **West Virginia Entrepreneurial Success**
Justin Seibert – Direct Online Marketing
Wheeling, WV
Nominated by: Chad Remp, Wheeling Truck Center, Inc.
- **West Virginia Financial Champion of the Year**
Jason William Shepherd – Peoples Bank, Huntington Branch
Huntington, WV
Nominated by: Amber Wilson, WV Small Business Development Center
- **West Virginia Minority Small Business Champion of the Year**
Sandra Moss – Black Business Association Supporting Entrepreneurs
Saint Albans, WV
Nominated by: Carolyn Stuart, Herbert Henderson Office of Minority Affairs
- **West Virginia Veteran Small Business Champion of the Year**
Marsha Hopkins – Excalibur Services, LLC
Scott Depot, WV
Nominated by: Jerry Henderson, WV SCORE

- **West Virginia Women in Business Champion of the Year**
Terri Cutright – Formerly of Main Street Morgantown
Morgantown, WV
Nominated by: Sharon Stratton, WV Small Business Development Center

West Virginia's top small business SBA lenders also receive recognition during the celebration: **West Virginia Community Bank of the Year** is MVB Bank, for approving seven SBA-guaranteed loans in West Virginia totaling \$900,000. **West Virginia Lender of the Year** is Huntington National Bank for approving 78 SBA-guaranteed loans worth over \$12 million.

"I have traveled the state to visit each of these winners and we are very lucky to have such a great group of small business owners and champions representing us this year," states SBA West Virginia District Director Karen Friel. "It is important that we take time to recognize them for their ongoing commitment to making West Virginia a great place to work, live, and raise a family."

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